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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The first message of Governor Knott to the general assembly of Kentucky was read in both houses of that body last Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The following is a comprehensive synopsis of the leading matters discussed in the document:

The following paragraphs are taken entire or in whole upon the prospectus that has before the commonwealth during the past two years. "Our homes have been free from the horrors of pestilence and our households gladdened by the blessings of plenty; our fields have been crowned with the fruits of labor; our cities have been made ready and remunerative market capital has been profitably employed and labor fairly rewarded; our resources have been greatly developed and our commerce largely increased; money has been abundant and private indebtedness among our people comparatively small. Nearly a thousand miles of new roads have been added to our railways, and the products of our mines increased over 250 per cent; while our official statistics for the last fiscal year show by far the largest production of our various agricultural staples since 1877, and in some cases an increase over the yield of even the most abundant products."

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Besides this, large amounts of property have been from time to time exempted from taxation by private acts of the legislature, which should be restored to the tax list by the prompt repeal of all such statutes. There is also a loss of revenue through employing their business in our state, and claiming to exercise their privileges under the sanction of our laws, who yet pay not a cent into the treasury. They are said to be keeping enormous incomes from a class of people who can afford to feed people who are not able to support themselves, and thereby have slender bread for honest men beyond the sea, and the day laborer who is induced to invest his meager wages in the illusive chances of winning a glittering prize. If they are permitted by law to prey upon the ignorant and the humble, they will be induced to do so, and to contribute to "the general sufferer of the state." If they have a legal existence, they should be taxed; if they have not, they should be promptly suppressed.

On the other hand, there are many expenditures, involving a large amount of money, in the aggregate, devolved upon the revenue in the state, in single justice, which should be borne in the proportion in which they are respectively incurred. Their payment out of the state treasury is not only an injustice to other taxpayers of other localities, but stimulates extravagance, and leads to fraud, and common revenue which could not otherwise be derived or received on account of the remissness of the accounting officers of the government from the site of the transaction.

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of the interest of the state and the welfare of prisoners. The improvement of their rank in the moral and material, the average from 1880 to November, 1883, having been only 13-19. Of course, says the governor, the conditions have been nothing like so favorable in many respects to those who have been employed outside the prison. They have been fed as well, clothed as comfortably as possible, and their organization has rendered it possible to treat them as humanely as those within the walls. It is said, indeed, that many prefer employment outside, as it has less the appearance of prison life, perhaps, and impairs their health after the accomplishment of such a task, as is usually done, which they may transmit to their families or save until the expiration of their respective terms. But it is not the result, from the very nature of things, that they can be found in such a comfortable position, as from the fact that they are from the vicinities of the weather to which they are constantly exposed, and the numerous casualties incident to the occupations in which they are engaged, they must necessarily be subjected to a greater amount of disease, and a higher rate of mortality, than those who have kept up a prison wall. Hence is it not surprising that the statistics show the death rate among those who have been employed outside the walls from May, 1880, to November, 1883, to have been three and sixty-eight one hundred, as against one and three hundred and eleven in the same period.

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1884.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Moore's CHANGES—New moon the 5th, full moon on the 12th, third quarter on the 20th, new moon on the 27th, full moon on the 30th.

Sea Rises.—At 7:00 on the 1st and 24, 7:17 on the 14th, 7:30 on the 21st, 7:45 on the 25th from the 13th to the 16th, 7:14 on the 17th and 18th, 7:13 on the 19th and 20th, 7:12 on the 21st, 7:11 on the 22nd, 7:10 on the 23rd, 7:09 on the 24th and 25th, 7:08 on the 26th, 7:07 on the 27th and 28th, 7:06 on the 29th.

Sea Sets.—At 4:31 on the 1st, and continues to set until 4:57, 4:58 the minute later, until the 23rd, when it is two minutes later, until the 25th, when it is two minutes earlier, until the 31st, when it is set at 2:22.

CHANCE D.V.—First Sunday, Epiphany, second Sunday, Candlemas, third Sunday, St. Simeon, 21 Sunday after Epiphany; fourth Sunday, 2d Sunday after Epiphany.

W. H. White has sold to H. G. Gold, 6th to 9th, clear; 9th to 17th, snow of clear; 17th to 21st, cloudy; 21st to 26th, rain or snow; 27th to 31st, cloudy.

LOCAL BREVIETIES.

The sleigh bells are jingling.
The river is full of floating ice.
Navigation is practically suspended.

Eggs have dropped down to 15 cents.
The ice gatherers were at work Monday.

Mr. E. A. Baldwin went to Cincinnati last week.

Pete Gregory has put up a new pool table.

There are three hundred and sixty-six days in this year.

The Guiding Star passed down in the ice yesterday morning.

"Bud" and "Dad" Murphy arrived home from Texas last week.

Charles H. H. Wilson has refused \$1,000 for his house and lot last week.

Most of the young men in town are "pooling" their earnings.

Mr. A. R. Fisher has tendered his resignation as town treasurer.

Bill Alexander has sold his saloon and pool table.

The ice on the creek and branches is only four or five inches thick.

Bill Alexander says he cleared over \$900 on his saloon in four months.

Haris & Taylor have sold their blacksmith shop to Mr. J. T. Patterson.

Little Macie White has come sick for two weeks.

Abbie Dillie of Meadville, county is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Babbage.

Mr. Bob, L. Boyd, well and favorably known here, died in Louisville last week.

Dr. T. B. Howard, of Big Spring, has sold his hotel that place to Gabe Mead.

Dr. W. B. White has bought the two-story brick dwelling house belonging to the Boyd heirs.

F. N. D'Ely has resigned the tax collectorship and John A. Gregory appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. John Armstrong, Vancleave, Ky., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters completely cured me of dysentery."

If you are not ashamed of your visitors, please give them our names so we may mention their presence in our city.

Fred Walter, who has been here about as long as most of us, says last Saturday was the coldest day.

Mr. John T. Patterson has bought a half interest in Mr. Jake May's blacksmithing and wagon making business.

Dr. W. H. White, of Goshen, Linn County, has come to town.

Mr. Ned Barton, an old citizen of this county, living near Rock Vale, died at his residence last Thursday. He was 70 years old.

Mr. Eli H. Smith, formerly of Webster, has been admitted to a partnership in the firm of Brinkley & Co., stores and hardware, Louisville.

Last Saturday was the coldest day this season has experienced in twenty years. The thermometer ranged from 20 to 22 degrees below zero.

Miss Sue White of Memphis, Tenn., who has been here a long time, is on the packet Wednesday night.

The "Home Dramatic" troupe from Hawenville, Pa., put in an appearance here last week on account of the cold weather, we suppose.

Boots ready made by J. W. McMillen's.

When you need them come, and you can get a pair of boots to fit you.

It will be a great treat to see you fail to suit you in a fit.

Charlie Furrow and "Doe" Jones, our tenor and soprano, have consolidated their shop and are now the Boyd block next door to this place.

Miss Lillie Keen, of Louisville, and Miss Jessie Hardin of Brandenburg, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shantz, visited friends in this city last week.

Perry Newson has opened a barber shop in one of the basement rooms of his father's store-house. He gives you a clean shave and a good wash.

At the next meeting of the board of trustees, a new member will be elected to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. John S. Lightfoot.

Mr. Marion Hambleton stepped out of his office on the 1st, and on the 2nd last week, missed her footing, and fell, inflicting a very painful wound in her right eye.

Capt. W. S. Vanmeter, of Grayson Springs, who shot himself last Friday week, is not dead, as reported. His physician says that he is better and in a fair way to recover.

Phot. Marion Ryan, of the steamer Henry Davis, arrived home from Point Pleasant, W. Va., Monday, his boat being ice-bound, and entirely suspended about Cincinnati.

W. E. Pool, formerly of Hardinsburg, but now with Hill, Fletcher & Co., Louisville, and Mr. B. F. Atwood, of Wilkesburg, Ky., spent last week in Hardinsburg visiting their old home and friends.

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"TARIFF FOR REVENUE ONLY."

Bill Smart, representing the "Merchants Interest," gives some "REASONS FOR REVENUE ONLY."

Determined, in spite of his failure with Jake Miller, representing the hardware interests, that there should be no rest for the sole of our commissioners until he obtained information of value on the subject of the Tariff. Breckenridge News, as son as he could safely discern the red flag from his neck and damp towel from his head, antidotes for over-exercise in trying Christopher, we started him out to interview the mercantile persuasion, selecting Bill Smart of the firm of West & Smart, for his victim.

Below we give his report of the interview:

Mr. Smart was found in his counting-room busily engaged in figuring up the mercantile interest on the L. St. L. and T. Railway bonds.

"Mr. Smart," we said, "The Breckenridge News has deputed me to interview you on the all-absorbing topic—"

"The 'Griffle' knows more about it than I do. He talked with Mr. Pierce last."

"But, Mr. Smart," we suggested, "Mr. Pierce has not yet been interviewed on this question."

"Then how the deuce do you expect me to answer your questions? You know that I am not one of the drosses. Now, if you had seen Jacob Pierce when he passed down the other day, he might have told you something. There had been a meeting of some sort at Louisville, you know."

It seems that we are playing at cross-purposes, Mr. Smart. I am not after railroad information.

"Then what the devil do you want?" he queried, plausibly.

"I am trying to find out something about tariff for revenue only."

"Well, you're whistled. 'Do you read the Courier-Journal?'"

We responded affirmatively.

"And the Post?"

"Yes," we replied.

"And the Commercial?"

Again we assented.

"We have all sides of the question. What more do you want?"

"I want to ascertain what effect the present protective tariff has on the mercantile business."

"And you come to me for that purpose?"

"Yes; and would be obliged to you for it."

"I'm sorry, then, I'll answer your questions to the best of my ability. By the way, what kind of tobacco do you chew?"

Mr. Smart having sampled our tobacco, settled down resignedly in his stool, and we proceeded to business without further delay.

"What do you think of tariff for revenue only?" we asked.

"I can answer that best by telling you a little story," said Mr. Smart.

"Does it have bearing on tariff for revenue only?" we asked.

"It's all about tariff and revenue," he replied.

"Then tell it," we said.

"It was told me by Col. J. Gulliver Bright," said Mr. Smart, "by way of preface," and I have every reason to believe it is true, for during all the long years of my life, the best bird in Kentucky, One called Tariff and the other he called Revenue."

"Singular names for dogs," we suggested.

"Yes," assented Mr. Smart, "that idea struck me too, and I asked the colonel how his father came to give them those names."

"Well," said the colonel, "you see, he was a queer man in his politics. When Gulliver Jackson ran for office he was a dimwitted, and allies voted for him, 'cause he thought Jackson was the greatest man that ever lived. But when Jackson was voted in, Jackson's dad, and his political ally, Revenue. When Clay was a candidate, then pop was a whig, and all voted for him, 'cause he thought Clay was the greatest man that ever lived. Other pop was bitter in Clay's day, and pop called him a dimwit, and he was a dimwit, and he died a whig."

"That's mighty interesting, as showing old Mr. Bright's political weirdness, but I can hardly see what bearing it has on the subject in hand," we protested.

"Wait till you hear the story," said Mr. Smart.

"Today the colonel said, 'I was a dimwit and I know it,' and I asked him why he was a dimwit, and he said, 'I could knock over some birds. He whipped up Tariff and Revenue and started off. About three hundred yards from the house was a branch, or creek, and over it bent an old willow tree. As they neared the branch, the colonel stopped up a flock of sixteen partridges, all of whom flew up to the cedar tree and settled on the same limb, directly in line for a pot shot at the whole gang. Jim blazed away, and two of the birds dropped into the snare, while the other fourteen got away, but were captured and imprisoned in some bushes. A little investigation showed dim that the bulk of his charge had struck a knee in the limb, splitting it from the knee out to the end, and the birds had been as fast when the limb broke as when it was bent. Jim, however, cut the limb, and the two birds were floating on the water, and he had shot them floating on the water, and he was wading in to secure them. The water was

a about breast high deep, and when he got the birds and started to go out he found that he could scarcely move. He was not frozen, for the water was very comfortable, much warmer than the air outside. It seemed as though his clothes, and pants, were water, and when he reached the bank he discovered that his pockets and pants and shirt, wherever they could crowd in, was full of fish, and when he pulled off his trousers and emptied them, he found that he had bagged one hundred and thirty-five fish. Running up, Jim cut the throat of the biggest fish, and, with his knife, dragged it over the rocks, and then, fish by fish, leaving the dogs on watch, he went to the house and summoned his father and brother Tom to come and help him carry the game home."

They were about to buy a grandchild of Gen. Turner, of Memphis, when some one insisted that it should be bathed and slayed on the back. It is now alive and doing well.



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ULY BLOOD DISEASES, OSTEOPIS,

HERTOSIS, SICK HEADACHE,

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